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## Start of new triennium for Clutha District Council

It is the start of the triennium for the newly elected Mayor and Councillors of the Clutha District Council, voted in by the district's residents and ratepayers.

Known as elected members, the Mayor and Councillors will swear an oath of office at the first meeting of the new council.

Elected members help to decide the priorities for Clutha District, making decisions for our communities and the district's future.

Community board members will also swear an oath of office at their first meeting.

Visit council's website to learn more about the Mayor and Councillors that represent you.

**[cluthadc.govt.nz/mayor-and-councillors](http://cluthadc.govt.nz/mayor-and-councillors)**



## New libraries website provides access to e-books, e-audio books and more!

Have you visited our new Clutha District Libraries website?

It gives you access to more than 500,000 e-books, 120,000 e-audio books and 7,500 movies/TV shows. It is a central point of access to a vast range of services, programmes and resources.

Libraries Manager Debbie Duncan said this new resource for our community was achieved with no extra cost to ratepayers as the new website was fully funded by Government's NZ Libraries Partnership Programme.

Over the past five years public libraries have seen virtual visits to library websites and social media channels increase by 125%, according to data from Public Libraries New Zealand.

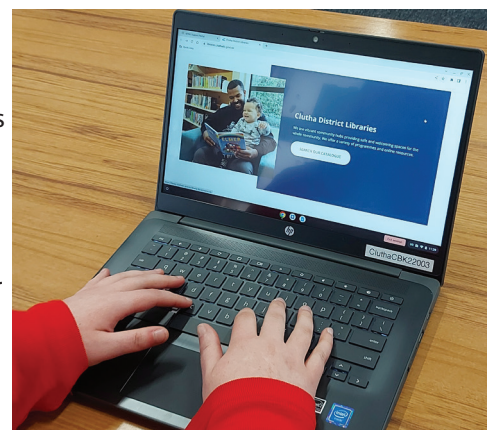
All you need is a library card, available from any of our libraries or apply online. This is free for residents.

There's more than 20 websites that provide creative and fun learning activities, along with research help, job seeking tips and community funding.

You can also browse the book catalogue and find out about upcoming programmes and events.

This is an important new resource for our libraries, but we know some people still prefer face-to-face and we'll continue to offer the same great range of services and resources at our five community libraries across the Clutha District.

**Visit: [libraries.cluthadc.govt.nz](http://libraries.cluthadc.govt.nz)**



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## Do you have a project in mind?

Clutha District Council has a partnership with Creative New Zealand to promote, support, and increase participation in community arts and cultural activities in the Clutha district.

The Creative Communities Scheme supports a wide range of art projects.

To be eligible for funding, projects must support at least one of the following:

- Access and participation: Create opportunities for local communities to engage with, and participate in local arts activities.
- Diversity: Support the diverse artistic cultural traditions of local communities.
- Young people: enable young people (under 18 years of age) to engage with, and participate in the arts.

### Funding criteria

Individuals, groups, or organisations can apply, but projects must:

- Take place in the Clutha District.

- Benefit communities in the Clutha District.
- Not have started or finished before funding is approved.
- Be completed within 12 months of funding being approved.
- You must be able to provide supporting documents with your application, such as quotes and support letters.

There is no limit for applications, however, allocations are normally between \$200 - \$5,000.

### 2022/23 funding schedule

There are up to three funding rounds each year.

- Round 1: closed
- Round 2: closes 10 March 2023
- Additional round (if required): closes 9 June 2023

The following funding applications were approved as part of round one:

- **Art N Soul** - \$838.60 to provide an opportunity for people to try a new creative learning experience through art.
- **Lawrence Creative Arts** - \$1,305 to hold a two-day youth workshop to promote creative writing and illustrative creative techniques.
- **Alice Blake** - \$15,17.54 for a beautification project at Tokoiti School, with murals and ground games.

### Who to contact

If you're thinking of applying, have questions or need help with your application, please contact council's Creative Communities Scheme administrator,

Lilly Paterson on 03 4190251 or [lilly.paterson@cluthadc.govt.nz](mailto:lilly.paterson@cluthadc.govt.nz).

**Find out more at: [cluthadc.govt.nz/creative-communities](http://cluthadc.govt.nz/creative-communities)**

## Vehicles on Beaches Bylaw...

A Vehicles on Beaches Bylaw has been adopted for the Clutha District and will take effect from 1 January 2023.

Council considered five options, deciding to adopt a bylaw with the following rules:

- People driving on beaches are required to do so in a way that does not threaten the safety of people, plants or native animals.
- Vehicles are not allowed on sand dunes, except to access the beach.
- Vehicles are not allowed to drive along the beach above the high-water mark, except in emergencies.

Clutha District Council will work with stakeholders and may use education programmes and signs to raise awareness of these rules.

The adopted bylaw does not include any vehicle prohibited areas (safe zones). However, it allows for safe zones to be created by Council resolution following appropriate monitoring and consultation. Monitoring may include effectiveness of existing bylaw provisions and the impacts of vehicles on human safety, wildlife and ecosystems.

The bylaw was proposed to address two



main issues: the effect of vehicles on public safety and enjoyment of beaches, and adverse effects to the environmental values of the coast.

## Alan Woods book talk

Join Alan Woods in the library to discuss his book "Without the Nasty Bits : A True Account of a Soldier's Courage and Determination".

Alan who grew up in Lawrence has written a book about his father Norman and his experiences as a soldier during World War Two.

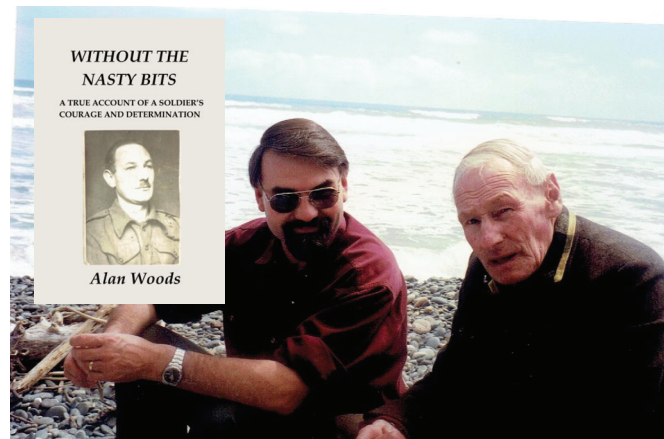
You're invited to attend his book talks being held at the Clutha District Libraries in Owaka, Balclutha and Lawrence in November.

Eighty years after World War Two, encouraged by his father's stories of survival and determination, Alan travelled to Poland to follow his father's experiences as a soldier and a prisoner of war.

In Norman's later years he recorded his experiences, from 1941 New Zealand to 1945 in Poland and Germany.

The book is a combination of Norman's actual words and Alan's account of following his father's footsteps, across Europe and back again.

"In 2018 I fulfilled my father's wishes and my dream; I travelled 19 thousand kilometres to follow my father's footsteps to Poland and the Prisoner Of War camp where he'd spent some of the closing days of World War II in 1945."



Lawrence Community Library: 7 November 2pm

Balclutha Community Library: 8 November 10am

Owaka Community Library: 8 November 2pm

## Clutha Video Game Club

This multiplayer video gaming event is held in November at the Balclutha Library and is free!

Twenty computers are hooked up together to play multiplayer video games in the same room and all equipment is provided. It's about creating communities within youth and friendships with technology

There are two different events throughout the day:

- Event 1: Ages 7-15: 1:00pm until 3:00pm.
  - Event 2: Ages 7-15: 3:30pm until 5:30pm.
- Balclutha Library, 4 November



Bookings are essential as spaces are limited. Visit [libraries.cluthadc.govt.nz/events](http://libraries.cluthadc.govt.nz/events) for the booking link.

## Community plan updates...

**Our Place West Otago** - Council will move ahead with the priority projects in West Otago that support Council's work to make Clutha a great place to live, work and play, following adoption of the Our Place West Otago Community Plan.

Adoption of the plan follows extensive public consultation and the involvement of the West Otago Community Board.

Priority projects identified are:

- Enabling residential development in Tapanui and West Otago.
- Community facilities in West Otago are fit for purpose and well used by residents and visitors.
- Improvements and maintenance at the Whiskey and Black Gully Reserves.
- Creating walking and cycling connections to local destinations and to existing trail networks.
- Tapanui and Heriot main street improvements.
- Providing opportunities to work and train in West Otago.

**Kaitangata-Matau Reserve Management Plan** - The community was consulted on to help develop the final plan incorporating feedback from submitters

Council is responsible for 12 reserves in the Kaitangata-Matau Ward. They fulfil a variety of purposes, including children's playgrounds, recreation areas and community amenities. The plan will guide day to day management and longer-term decision making on these reserves, and seeks to protect and enhance these areas for the local community and visitors.

## Summer Water Restrictions

Summer water restrictions are implemented throughout the Clutha District each year on December 1.

Stage 1 restrictions are always put in place to try and avoid more stringent restrictions as summer progresses.

If more stringent restrictions are not implemented, the Stage 1 restriction remains in place till the end of March, and then we review whether they can be lifted or extended.

**Stage 1 summer mode** – Time restrictions only (8pm-8am watering allowed), systems not to be left unattended or on overnight.

**Stage 2 moderate water restrictions** – Sprinkler and irrigation system ban and time restrictions (8pm- 8am handheld watering only allowed), not to be left unattended or on overnight.

**Stage 3 high level water restrictions** – Hosing ban apart from one day a week between 8pm-8am , sprinkler and irrigation system ban, please avoid washing cars and boats etc.

**Stage 4 extreme water restrictions** – Complete hosing, sprinkler and irrigation system ban, no washing of boats, cars or using hoses at all. Minimise indoor water usage.

Council also asks people to report water leaks in council pipes and fittings to help with our water conservation. You can do this by calling Council on 0800 801 350 or reporting the problem via our Antenno App or at [www.cluthadc.govt.nz/do-it-online](http://www.cluthadc.govt.nz/do-it-online)

## Plant upgrades

Monitoring equipment at water treatment plants across the district will be upgraded to comply with new drinking water standards.

From 14 November, additional quality monitoring will be required at Clutha's water treatment plants, with new equipment to be installed at Balclutha, Clydevale, Glenkenich, Kaitangata, Milton, Lawrence, Moa Flat, North Bruce, Richardson North, Richardson South, Stirling and Tapanui. A new UV reactor will also be installed at the Tapanui and Puerua Water Treatment Plants.



## Work will begin on new library and pool for the Bruce community

Next year work will begin on a \$13-14 million community facility featuring a community library and six lane swimming pool in Milton.

Clutha District Council Chief Executive Steve Hill said the new multi-purpose facility would aim to offer a range of services all year-round including swimming lessons, competitions and aquatic play, digital help, library programmes, celebrating local history and access to information.

Council approved that the facility would be funded by CDC rates, central government funding (subject to confirmation of the 3 Waters Better Off funding support package), as well as community fundraising and grants from various sectors, both of which will be facilitated by the Bruce Community Facilities Trust.

Bruce Community Facilities Committee Chairperson Stephen Woodhead said it would be a fabulous facility, a game changing development for the town's

main street and for the wider district.

The community can now focus on the significant challenge to raise \$2 million to contribute to the funding of the swimming pool.

Earlier in the year Council consulted with the public on options for a six or eight lane swimming pool and asked whether people had feedback on other options.

Consultation also covered the increased costs associated with this project, as COVID related supply challenges and cost increases in the building industry resulted in increases from initial estimates.

There were 124 written submissions, with 92% of these from the Bruce (wider Milton) area.

- 50 (42%) supported Option 1 - \$13-14M facility with 6 lanes
- 40 (34%) supported Option 2 - \$18-20M facility with 8 lanes



*The concept design for Bruce Community Hub.*

- 29 (24%) supported another option
- A new pool was approved in 2019 as part of the Annual Plan process, to replace the current Milton Pool and the Milton Service Centre and Library, both of which need significant repairs.

Following this, the Bruce Community Facilities Trust and Committee was formed and has worked with Council to drive this project forward.

Council funding of the facility will be included in the 2023/24 Annual Plan budget.

## Public Health Notice

Clutha's drinking water is classified as plumbosolvent, meaning it is capable of dissolving trace levels of heavy metals such as lead and copper out of some household plumbing and fittings.

Some plumbing fittings potentially allow minute traces of metals to accumulate where water sits in the fittings for several hours.

Although the health risk is low, the Ministry of Health recommends you flush a cup full of water from your drinking water tap each morning, or after you have been away from your property, to remove any metals that may have dissolved from the plumbing fittings.

This simple precaution is recommended for all households in New Zealand, including those on public and private water supplies.



## Milton Pool expected to open soon

Keep an eye out for the opening date via the Milton Pool Facebook page. Opening hours are also available from Council's website: [cluthadc.govt.nz/swimming-pools](https://cluthadc.govt.nz/swimming-pools)

